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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

### 1. MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE

#### A. EGYPT'S NEGOTIATING POSITION

IN A DECEMBER 8 POLICY STATEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT HAS STATED THAT EGYPT WILL NOT PERMIT THE PEACE CONFERENCE TO BE USED AS A MEANS TO DELAY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTIONS AND REFUSES TO DISCUSS ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ARAB TERRITORIES OR THE RESTORATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS. EGYPT BELIEVES THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PALESTINIANS WILL BE A FIRM EXPRESSION OF THEIR "LEGAL EXISTENCE, AND A CLEAR RECOGNITION OF THEIR RIGHTS." USINT CAIRO COMMENTS THAT THE STATEMENT STILL PERMITS SADAT TO MOVE IN A RELATIVELY UNRESTRICTED MANNER. (CONFIDENTIAL) CAIRO 3836, 12/9.

#### B. MILITARY PROBES TO CONTINUE?

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NEWSWEEK'S DE BORCHGRAVE WAS TOLD BY A SENIOR EGYPTIAN

STAFF OFFICER THAT THE EGYPTIAN ARMY INTENDS TO CONTINUE  
THE CURRENT TROOP PROBES ON THE EAST AND WEST BANKS BE-

FORE AND DURING THE PEACE CONFERENCE. THE PURPOSE OF  
THESE PROBES IS TO KEEP PRESSURE ON THE US AND ISRAEL.  
THE OFFICER FURTHER STATED THAT EGYPT WILL KNOW IN THE  
FIRST 48 HOURS OF THE CONFERENCE WHETHER MEANINGFUL  
TALKS LEADING TO A QUICK DISENGAGEMENT ARE INTENDED.  
(SECRET) CAIRO 3866, 12/9 (EXDIS).

2. FURTHER FIVE PERCENT OIL REDUCTION FOR JANUARY

ARAB OIL PRODUCERS MEETING IN KUWAIT HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT  
THEY WILL REDUCE PRODUCTION FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY FIVE  
PERCENT BELOW DECEMBER LEVELS. THE ONLY EXCEPTIONS  
WOULD BE FOR UNNAMED ISLAMIC AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES WHICH  
SEVERED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. THE EC AND  
JAPAN WERE NOT EXEMPT. EMBASSY KUWAIT COMMENTS THAT THE  
RESOLUTION SUGGESTS A HARDENING OF THE ARAB POSITION,  
BUT MAY NOT BE THE FINAL WORD SINCE THE OIL MINISTERS  
WILL MEET AGAIN THIS MONTH AFTER THE SECRETARY'S VISIT  
TO THE MIDDLE EAST. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) KUWAIT 4281,  
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